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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The Korean Situation

I. Military Situation.

North Korean forces are continuing to build up pressure along the entire front, but only minor changes in positions occurred during the past 24 hours, thus increasing the possibility that the invaders are regrouping and reorganizing for another major attack.

In the south, the North Korean Fourth Division was forced back two miles by attacking US forces one mile east of Hadong. An estimated 1200 North Korean troops supported by artillery was reported in the west sector; these troops may be the North Korean Sixth Division advancing from Shinan. Motorized reconnaissance by the US First Cavalry to Chinju and Namon along the left flank failed to contact the enemy. Enemy envelopment isolated one company of US troops in the area Southwest of Yongdong; a second attack by the enemy succeeded in making a minor penetration into southern-held territory near Kidas. On the eastern sector, the Seventh North Korean Division offensive, supported by tanks in the area south of Yongju, was repulsed. Reports indicate the possibility of a new Ninth North Korean Division in the area northwest of Tanyang.

A US reconnaissance pilot reported sighting a four-engined plane, possibly a PE-8; one enemy aircraft of unknown type attacked the US Fifth Air Force advance base at Taegu and dropped one bomb.

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II. Other Developments.

North Korean propaganda which is supervised by Soviet advisors, is citing Stalin's reply to Nehru's letter on the Korean issue as further evidence of the Soviet foreign policy of defending the peace and security of the world. Korean Communist broadcasts state that their regime would welcome a "peaceful settlement," but stress the point made by Stalin that the door to such a peaceful settlement will open only after delegates of the Chinese People's Republic are seated in the UN and the Council hears "representatives" of the Korean people.

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